RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The rule says that the sanctioning authority may disburse the loan in one instalment if it appears to him to be necessary. It does not say that Government cannot interfere, but I do not know of any instance in which the Government have interfered.

*Representation of Municipal Councils in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.*

21. Mr. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many representatives the Municipal Councils of the State had in the defunct Sri Mulam Popular Assembly?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: 19.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Has any provision been made for their representation in the present Assembly?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: The member's attention is directed to paragraph 12 of the Government Communique dated the 29th October 1932.

*Cocoa-brandy and its ingredients.*

22. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Excise Department is supplying a kind of liquor known as cocoa-brandy, and, if so, what its ingredients are;

(*b*) whether any chemical examination of the same has been conducted by any expert, and, if so, when, and what is the report received from the expert;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the addition of flavouring materials in liquor will influence its specific gravity; and

(*d*) whether the arrack manufactured in the distilleries is examined every time it is manufactured and issued, and. if so, by whom?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes, It is arrack distilled from cocoanut toddy, coloured and flavoured with the recipe of brandy.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This has not been tested.

(*d*) Yes. The arrack distilled in the Nagercoil Distillery is tested by the Chemical Examiner to Government or the Industrial Chemist once a quarter.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: How is the present pattern of liquor an improvement upon the old flavoured toddy arrack?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The old cocoanut toddy was prepared with rum essence. Now it is prepared with brandy essence.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: What is the object of introducing this kind of liquor? Is it to compete with foreign liquor?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: This may be more favoured by the people who take to arrack.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Was there any representation from the people?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: No. By actual experience it has been ascertained that this is far more in demand than the old cocoanut toddy arrack. It is also replacing cheap foreign liquor to some extent.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: What is the strength of the arrack that is issued from the distilleries?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: 30° U. P. or 35° U. P.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Does the member propose to reduce the strength of the liquor that is now supplied in the State?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: There is no present idea to reduce it and it is not possible to reduce the strength before the end of the year 1109. I may inform the member as well as the House that there is a general cry among the arrack shop contractors that the reduction in the strength of arrack hitherto made has affected adversely the consumption of arrack. The people do not like it. They want stronger drink.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Is it a fact that any liquor stronger than 30° U. P. is unfit to be drunk neat?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I do not know. I claim notice.

MR. H. O. L. MARIKAR (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): May I know from the member whether it is possible to manufacture, bottle and sell cocoanut toddy outside Travancore as an industry with profit to the State?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: It requires to be investigated. It may be profitable.

MR. H. O. L. MARIKAR: Was any investigation made in this direction to increase our industry and find a sale for our products?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Nothing has been done so far.

MR. H. O. L. MARIKAR: Will the member make an attempt to find a market for this kind of product?

MR. C O. MADHAVAN: For that we may have to enter into an agreement with the other States.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: (*Chirayinkil* cum *N dumangad*): May I know, Sir, who is to be credited for the invention of the name cocoa-brandy?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I find from the papers that the proposal was made by Mr. T. V. Ramakrishna Aiyar when he was in charge of the department. I do not know if there had been any prior correspondence about it.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether this particular liquor contains any ingredients from cocoa? (*Laughter*)

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: It is made from cocoanut toddy.

*Appointment of Dr. Noble as Inspecting Medical Officer and his qualifications.*

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what Dr. Noble's professional qualifications are; and

(*b*) whether he possesses University Degrees, and, if so, what they are?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether, in answer to interpellations in the Legislative Council, they denied that he was going to be appointed as Inspecting Medical Officer; and under that circumstances they were induced to appoint him as such later?

(3) Will they be pleased to state whether there are persons in the Travancore Medical service possessing professional and other qualifications superior to those possessed by Dr. Noble?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) and (*b*) Dr. Noble holds the M. D. Degree of the Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America.

(2) There was no interpellation on the subject.

(3) There are persons in the Travancore Medical service possessing different professional and other qualifications of Universities of different countries.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know from the member whether there was a cut motion in the Legislative Council about the appointment of Dr. Noble?

MR. K. GEORGE: There was no cut motion but there was an adjournment motion.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know from the member whether in that motion Government replied that the appointment of Dr. Noble was not in the contemplation of Government?

MR. K. GEORGE; No, there was no proposal at the time when the motion was made to appoint him.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: What made the Government to change their opinion in the appointment?

MR. K. GEORGE; The opinion was not changed.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know from the member whether the University qualification of Dr. Noble is taken as a test or as a qualification for the Medical service in Travancore?

MR. K. GEORGE: I do not understand the member.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know from the member whether the qualifications that Dr. Noble has, have been considered proper for the Medical service in Travancore?

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